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SUBJECT: CONGRESS WIELDS SANCTIONS FOR KIM DONG-JO
TESTIMONY

REFS: (A) STATE 156882, (B) SEOUL 5336, (C) SEOUL 5384.

1. FOLLOWING CIRCULATION OF JAWORSKI LETTER TO THE
HOUSE LEADERSHIP (REF A) CLAIMING ROK NON-COOPERATION
ON KIM DONG-JO QUESTION, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TODAY (JUNE 22) VOTED 273 TO 125 TO DELETE PL-480 FUNDS
FOR KOREA FROM THE AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION BILL. THIS
MOVE WAS SUPPORTED BY THE LEADERSHIP. CONGRESSMAN WRIGHT
STATED HE WAS RELUCTANT TO ENDORSE THIS STEP BUT FELT
HE HAD NO ALTERNATIVE IN VIEW OF JAWORSKI LETTER.

2. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE SENDING YOU TEXT OF RELATIVELY
LOW-KEY STATEMENT BEING ISSUED BY ROK EMBASSY HERE. WE
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HOPE YOU WILL URGE ROKG NOT TO REACT TOO HARSHLY AND TO
CONTINUE ITS WISE POLICY OF CALM RESPONSE. DELETION
OF FUNDS IS NOT FINAL UNLESS ALSO ENDORSED BY THE SENATE.
IF THE TWO HOUSES DIFFER, OPPORTUNITY FOR CALM REASSESS-
MENT WILL OCCUR IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS.
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM INDICATED WHILE HERE THAT
ROKG WOULD REJECT PL-480 IF CONGRESS ACTED ADVERSELY OVER

KIM DONG-JO QUESTION. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT TODAY'S VOTE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THIS MATTER AND THEREFORE IT WOULD BE WISE NOT TO FORECLOSE OPTIONS AT THIS STAGE. FURTHERMORE, ANY ESCALATION OF HARSH WORDS COULD YET REINJECT THIS ISSUE INTO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE DEBATE.

3. IT APPEARS FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT THAT BOTH SIDES IN KIM DONG-JO DISCUSSIONS SOMEWHAT MISPLAYED THEIR HAND AT THE FINAL STAGE BEFORE TODAY'S HOUSE ACTION. BY WRITING A LETTER TO HOUSE LEADERSHIP WHICH WAS HARSH AND POLEMICAL IN TONE AND DOING SO WITHOUT KEEPING US ADEQUATELY INFORMED, JAWORSKI STAFF VIRTUALLY BROKE OFF DIALOGUE AT POINT WHEN KOREANS THOUGHT PROGRESS BEING MADE. ON ROK SIDE, INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL TO EMBASSY HERE REGARDING JAWORSKI'S REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES (REF C) WERE BADLY HANDLED, PERHAPS BECAUSE AMBASSADOR WAS TIED UP WITH VISITING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND COUNSELOR PARK ABSENT IN SEOUL. ROK EMBOFF CALLED PETER WHITE WEDNESDAY TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR KIM TO MEET WITH JAWORSKI. WHEN WHITE INSISTED ON KNOWING SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE, ROK EMBOFF REPORTEDLY SAID: "WE CANNOT ACCEPT MR. JAWORSKI'S PROPOSAL." THIS SHORT NEGATIVE STATEMENT (CONFIRMED BY BOTH SIDES) LED WHITE TO REJECT THE PROPOSED MEETING
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BETWEEN JAWORSKI AND THE AMBASSADOR AND THE LATTER NEVER HAD ANY OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE ISSUE IN ANY OTHER LIGHT THAN THE REMARKABLY INEPT ONE ALREADY GIVEN. THIS PLAYED RIGHT INTO THE CONFRONTATIONAL TACTICS BEING PLAYED ON THE HILL AND ENDED ANY PROSPECT OF PLACING THE ISSUE IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE.

4. WHEN THE DUST BEGINS TO SETTLE WE WILL WANT YOUR BEST JUDGMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUING ANY DIALOGUE ON THE KIM DONG-JO MATTER. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REMAINS ACUTELY INTERESTED AND ALLEGEDLY SO IS JAWORSKI. WHILE TODAY'S ACTION WILL INEVITABLY MAKE THE KOREANS LESS WILLING TO DEAL WITH JAWORSKI, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE LATEST OFFER WILL AT LEAST REMAIN ON THE TABLE. IF SO, PERHAPS IN TIME SOME OF THE VAGUE ASPECTS COULD BE DEFINED. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT THE FIRST AND RATHER LEGALISTIC RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES THIS WEEK IS NOT THE LAST WORD ON THIS QUESTION. VANCE

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